

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

PEACH MONTH

2007

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina peaches are grown on 1,200 acres and account for almost \$5.1 million of annual farm income according to the 2006 Agricultural Statistics from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; and

WHEREAS, the harvest of the first peach crop of the season solidifies that summer has arrived in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, full cling, semi-cling and freestone varieties allow North Carolinians to enjoy fresh peaches all summer; and

WHEREAS, peaches are the perfect component in ice cream, sherbet, jams, jellies, pies and countless other desserts; and

WHEREAS, peach production in North Carolina is centered around the Sandhills region, with about 1,000 acres in peach production in the area according to the 2006 Agricultural Statistics from North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; and

WHEREAS, peaches are grown all over the State, and climatic differences from the mountains to the coast allow for an extended harvest period; and

WHEREAS, peaches are high in vitamin A and moderate in vitamin C, and also contain calcium and iron; and

WHEREAS, peaches are low in calories, and they are naturally sweet, packing more nutrition than their fuzzy exteriors might indicate;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 2007, as **"PEACH MONTH"** in North Carolina and encourage our citizens to enjoy the abundant supply of this summer fruit.



MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fifth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.